

**MARYLAND JUDICIAL CONFERENCE**  
**GOVERNMENT RELATIONS AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

Hon. Matthew J. Fader  
Chief Justice

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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee  
**FROM:** Legislative Committee  
Matthew Pipkin, Jr.  
410-260-1561  
**RE:** Senate Bill 99  
Circuit Courts and District Court - Dishonored Checks - Service Charges  
**DATE:** January 23, 2023  
(1/25)  
**POSITION:** Support

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The Maryland Judiciary supports Senate Bill 99. As requested by the Clerks of the Court, this bill seeks to increase the amount of the service charge that may be imposed by a circuit court or the District Court for a dishonored check.

Increasing the service charge better reflects the cost and time-consuming process involved when dealing with dishonored checks. The increase from \$10.00 to \$30.00 was determined by matching the fee issued by the Comptroller for a dishonored check.

cc. Hon. Pamela Beidle  
Judicial Council  
Legislative Committee  
Kelley O'Connor